



## Tak' your auld Cloak about Ye.

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 Then BELL, my wife, wha lo'es nac strife,  
 She said to me right hastilie,  
 'Get up, gudeman, save CROMIE's life,  
 'And tak' your auld cloak about ye.

' My CROMIE is an useful cow,  
 ' And she is come of a good kyne ;  
 ' Aft has she wet the bairmies mou',  
 ' And I am laith that she should tyne ;  
 ' Get up, gudeman, it is fu' time,  
 ' The sun shines i' the lift sae hie ;  
 ' Sloth never made a gracious end ;  
 ' Go tak' your auld cloak about ye.'

" My cloak was ance a gude grey cloak,  
 " When it was fitting for my wear ;  
 " But now it's scantly worth a groat,  
 " For I ha'e worn't this thirty year ;  
 " Let's spend the gear that we ha'e won,  
 " We little ken the day we'll die :  
 " Then I'll be proud, since I ha'e sworn  
 " To ha'e a new cloak about me."

' In days when our King ROBERT rang,  
 ' His trews they cost but ha'f a crown ;  
 ' He said they were a groat o'er dear,  
 ' And ca'd the taylor thief and loun.  
 ' He was the king that wore the crown,  
 ' And thou'rt a man of laigh degree,  
 ' 'Tis pride puts a' the country down,  
 ' Sac tak' your auld cloak about ye.'

" Every bird has its ain sang,  
 " Ilk kind of corn has its ain hool ;  
 " I think the warld is a' ran wrang,  
 " When ilka wife her man wad rule.  
 " Do ye not see Rob, Jock, and HAB,  
 " As they are girded gallantlie,  
 " While I sit harklen in the ase ?  
 " I'll ha'e a new cloak about me."

' Gudeman, I wat 'tis thirty years,  
 ' Since we did anc anither ken ;  
 ' And we ha'e had, between us twa,  
 ' Of lads and bonny lasses ten :  
 ' Now, they are women grown, and men,  
 ' I wish and pray, weel may they be ;  
 ' And if you'd prove a good husband,  
 ' E'en tak' your auld cloak about ye.'

Tho' BELL, my wife, she lo'es na strife ;  
 Yet she wad guide me if she can,  
 And to maintain an easy life,  
 I aft mann yield, tho' I'm gudeman :  
 Nought's to be won at woman's hand,  
 Unless ye gie her a' the plea ;  
 Then I'll leave aff where I began,  
 And tak' my auld cloak about me."